Cases of retired Government employees

2724. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government employees who have gone on premature retirement or who have compulsorily been retired during the last 3 years ;

(b) the number of cases of persons which are still pending; and

(c) the number of Central Government pensioners who have yet to receive gratuity?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH): (a) to (c) Information in this regard is not centrally monitored in this Ministry since appropriate authorities in the various Ministries/Departments/Offices are competent to take decisions in respect of all the three matters.

Self Employment Plan for Urban Poor

2725. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
PROF. (MRS.) ASIMA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI VITHAL RAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) Scheme launched by the Union Government for the urban poor;

(b) the number of cities and towns that are covered so far under the scheme;

(c) the approximate number of beneficiaries during 1986;

(d) whether the scheme will continue to be in operation; and

(e) what is the ceiling, if any, on the total amount disbursed under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (e) The Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) which was launched on 1st September, 1986, covers cities/towns with population exceeding 10,000 as per 1981 census and which are not covered under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). Persons whose total family income is not more than Rs. 600 per month are eligible for assistance not exceeding Rs. 5,000 with capital subsidy of 25 per cent to undertake viable economic activities. Loans under the programme carry interest rate of 10 per cent per annum and have tt repaid in 33 monthly instalments after an initial grace period of 3 months. During the current financial year, one beneficiary for every three hundred population (1981 census) is to be assisted in the centres covered under the programme.

The complete picture regarding number of beneficiaries covered under the scheme would emerge only after the data for the full financial year is available. The Scheme will be continued in 1987-88 also.

Funds for Development of Space Technology

2726. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Department of Space has allocated a sum of Rs. 40 crores for 1985-86 for funding the development of space technology by the Indian Industry;

(b) if so, what are the projects for which the space technology is proposed to be developed by the Indian Industry;

(c) what is the number of products and process developed so far by the